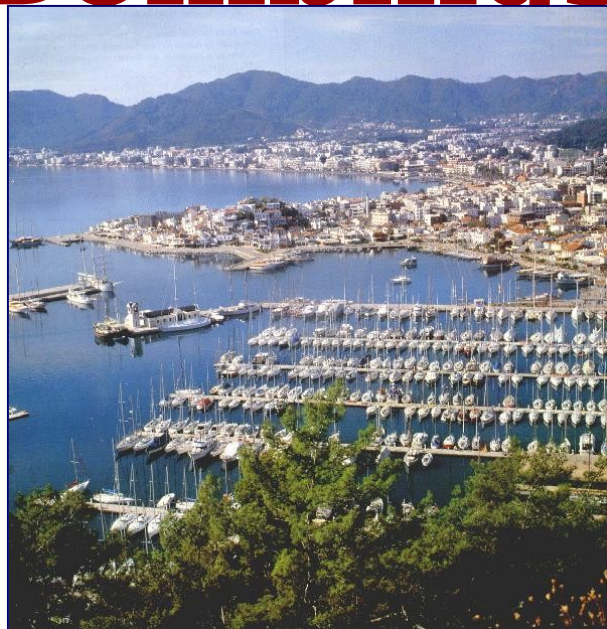


Turkish Coastal Bombings



August 25-28, 2006

Attack Overview

- **August 25**
 - Adana
 - Two Coordinated low level blasts
 - Bank and office building targeted
- **August 27**
 - Istanbul
 - Low-level package bomb
 - Near school
 - One of many recent low-level attacks
- **August 28**
 - Marmaris
 - Three coordinated attacks
 - Tourism industry targeted
- **August 28**
 - Antalya
 - Shopping center housing Turkish restaurants in popular tourism city targeted



Attack Overview (continued)

- At least 40 injured, ten of whom were British citizens
- Three deaths
- Kurdistan Freedom Hawks/Falcons claim responsibility for Marmaris minibus attack
- Authorities suspect [Kurdistan Worker's Party \(PKK\)](#)* was responsible

*PKK is also known as Kongra Gel

*The Turkish National Police do not distinguish between Kongra Gel or the Kurdistan Freedom Hawks/Falcons and refer to them collectively as PKK

August 25

- Adana
 - First explosion, 4:30 pm in Kucuksaat area in front of bank
 - Second explosion, 4:35 pm in front of office building
 - Both in Adana's Old Town area
 - Four injuries, shattered glass and other minor building damage
 - No claims of responsibility
 - Second set of coordinated explosions in one month
 - August 4, two coordinated low-level explosions target banks
 - Kurdistan Freedom Hawks/Falcons (TAK) claimed responsibility



August 27

- Istanbul
 - Package bomb
 - Placed near school in Bagcilar District on Istanbul's European side
 - Six injuries
 - No claims of responsibility
 - No indicated relation to Adana or Marmaris attacks



Other recent Istanbul attacks

August 14, 4:25 pm: Small sound bomb detonated in Sultanahmet district of Istanbul in a park between the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia, injuring three Turks

- **August 15, Noon:** Small sound bomb detonated in same district near the Blue Mosque, no injuries
- **August 11:** Small explosive placed in garbage can in front of internet café in Kumkapi district of Istanbul, five persons injured
- Kurdish terrorists suspected in all of these attacks



August 28

- **Marmaris**

- Three coordinated explosions
- TAK claims responsibility
 - TAK Website warns "Turkey is not a safe country, tourists should not come to Turkey."
- Popular tourist resort, currently accommodating an estimated 14,000 tourists
- Peak tourism season



- **First explosion**

- At midnight, an explosive placed under a seat of a tourist minibus transporting British and Turkish citizens on busy Kemal Seyfettin Boulevard detonated
- 15- 21 injured (varying press reports)
- British travel service company reported five clients among injured

August 28 (continued)

- **Second and third explosions**
 - Nearly simultaneous attacks (press reports vary between 12:15 and 12:45 am)
 - Bombs placed in garbage cans on Ataturk Boulevard near Harbor, six injured
 - Other sources report the explosion may have been near a Turkish Airlines Office
 - Bomb placed near residential compound in Siteler neighborhood, no injuries

August 28 (continued)

- **Antalya**

- At 5:00 pm, bomb detonated in front of shopping center housing Turkish restaurants in city center
- Three killed and at least fifteen injured, including two Russian citizens
- Popular tourist resort attracted 7.2 million tourists in 2005



- **Past attacks**

- **Sept 19, 2005:** Bomb on bus traveling between Antalya and Adana exploded, killing two and injuring ten
- **August 2005:** Four bombs planted in garbage cans exploded



Significance for U.S. Private Sector

Attacks consistent with typical TAK/PKK targets and modus operandi

- Frequently responsible for low-level terrorism attacks against tourism industry
- Bombs placed in garbage cans on busy streets, in front of commercial or government buildings in resort areas and major cities
- “Soft targets” hit in important areas
- Responsibility claimed for Marmaris minibus bombing
- **TAK**
 - Warned that tourism industry is be a legitimate target in May 2005 and April 2006
 - Claimed responsibility for numerous low-level attacks in coastal tourist cities May 2005-August 2006

Significance for U.S. Private Sector

- Possible new trend of coordinated attacks
 - First set of August attacks in Adana thought to be timed so that first responders to initial explosion would be injured in second
 - Marmaris, was not coordinated to injure first responders, but combined typical Kurdish terrorist modus operandi in consecutive attacks
 - Targeted soft targets in popular tourist cities
 - Used garbage can bombs
 - Explosives were placed in front of building

Police Response

- Marmaris
 - Immediate police check points
 - Municipal workers removed garbage cans from main streets
- All cities
 - Investigations underway



For More Information

- Additional information on Kurdish, Islamist and left-wing terrorism in Turkey can be found at:
 - U.S. Government Information
 - OSAC's Eastern Europe Coordinator:
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 - OSAC's Turkey Country Page
 - State Department's Consular Information Sheet
 - News Sources
 - MIPT Terrorism Knowledge Database: www.tkb.org
 - Zaman.com: www.zaman.com